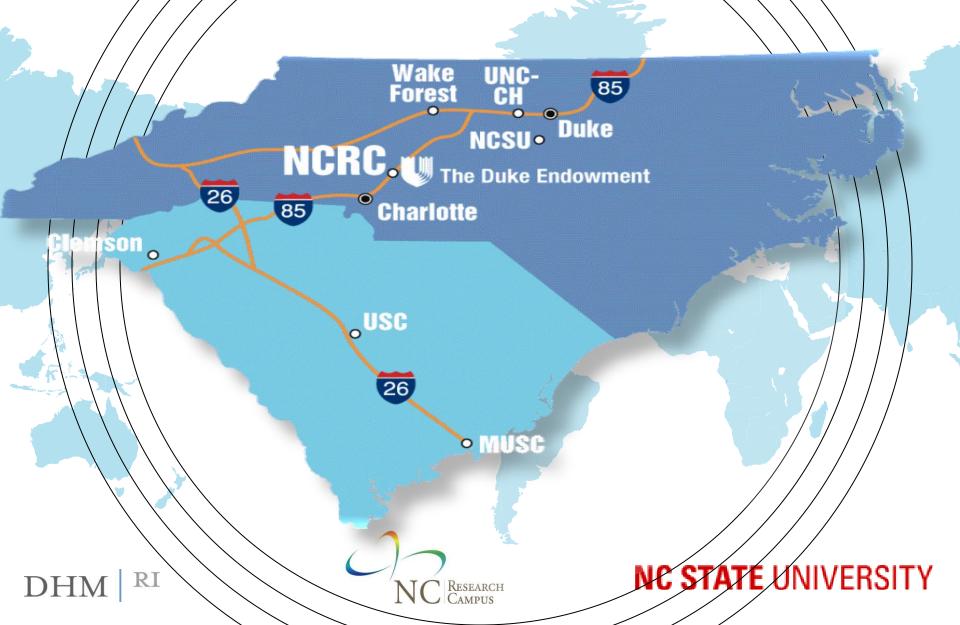


# SUPERFRUITS IN\*THE HEALTH/SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT



#### NCRC- near Charlotte, NC, east coast USA



Leading discovery and delivery of innovative plant-based solutions to advance human health & wellness



- 1. Whole Foods
- 3. Dietary supplements
- 5. Phytopharmaceuticals
- 2. Functional foods
- 4. Medical foods

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY** 

## Characteristics of a Superfruit



Bioactive phytochemicals a.k.a. *phytoactives*: natural compounds in fruits vegetables nuts and grains which positively impact on human health



Fruits & Berries Vegetables

















Origin of Superfruits & their Phytoactives | "Stressed for Success"



DNA-protective antiviral antimicrobial antiadhesin free-radical scavenging

**ADD-therapeutic** 

**UTI-inhibition** 

antidiabetic

cancer-chemopreventive

# SUPERFRUITS

cardioprotective

neuroprotective

anti-osteoporosis estrogen antagonism

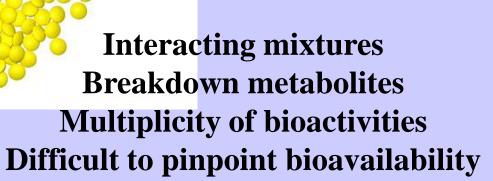
anti-inflammatory

enzyme activating/inhibiting iron chelating neuronal signaling antioxidant

membrane-modulating



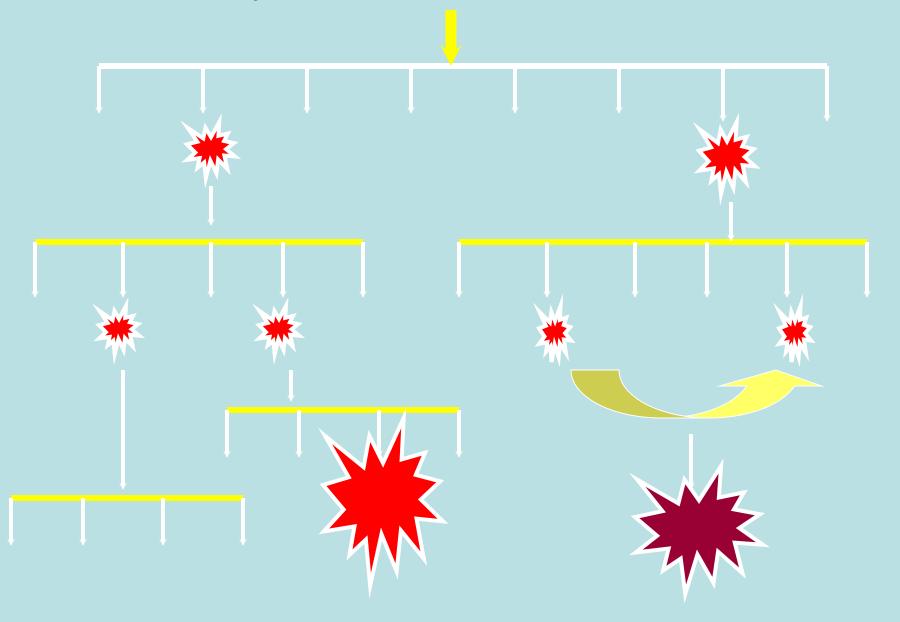


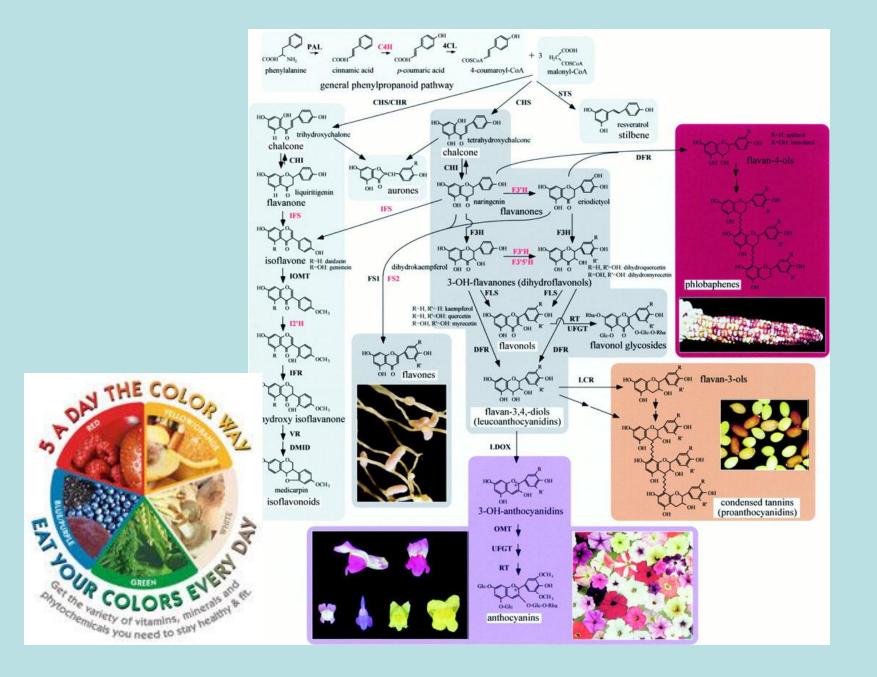




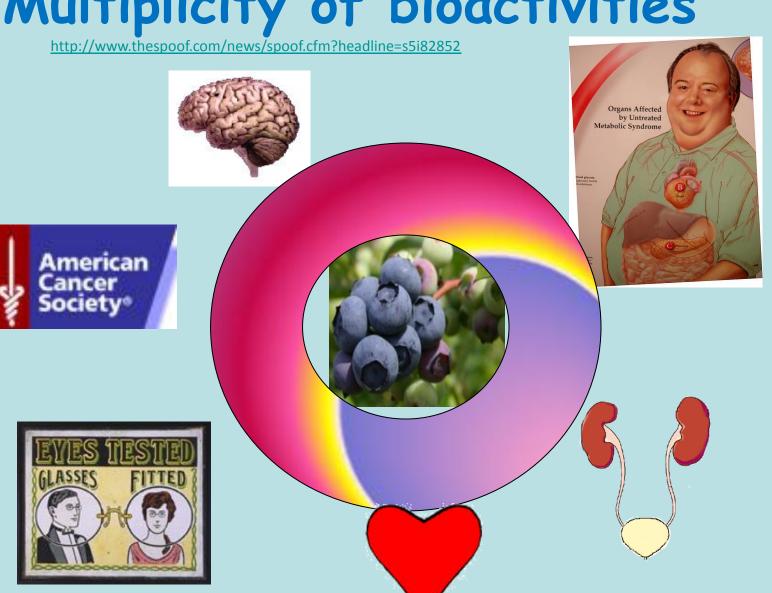


#### Phytoactives in a FRUIT extract

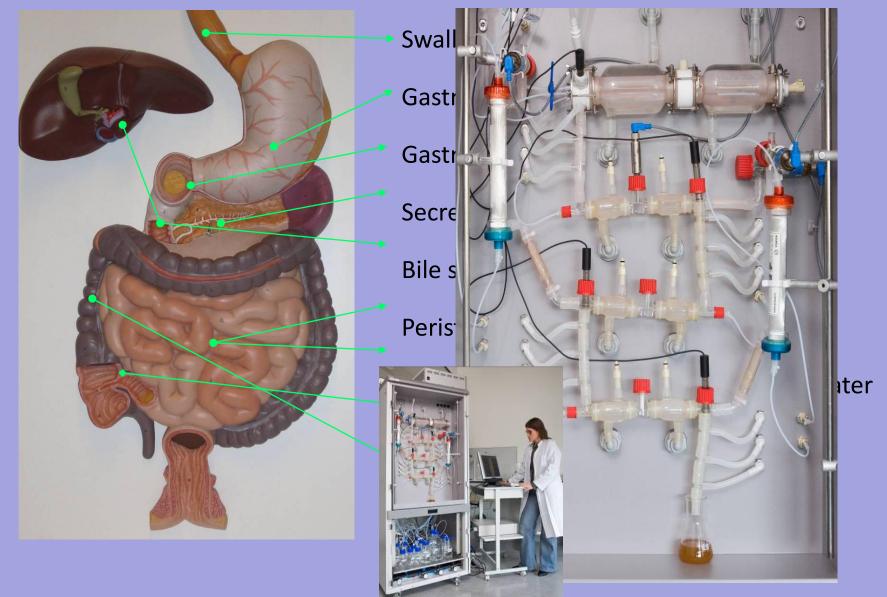


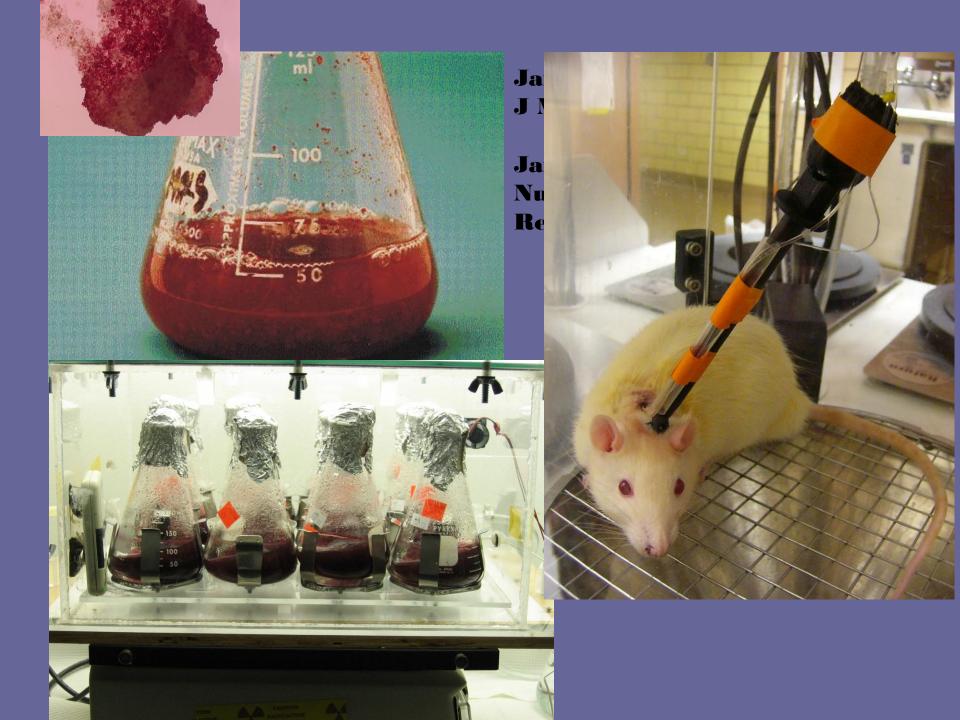


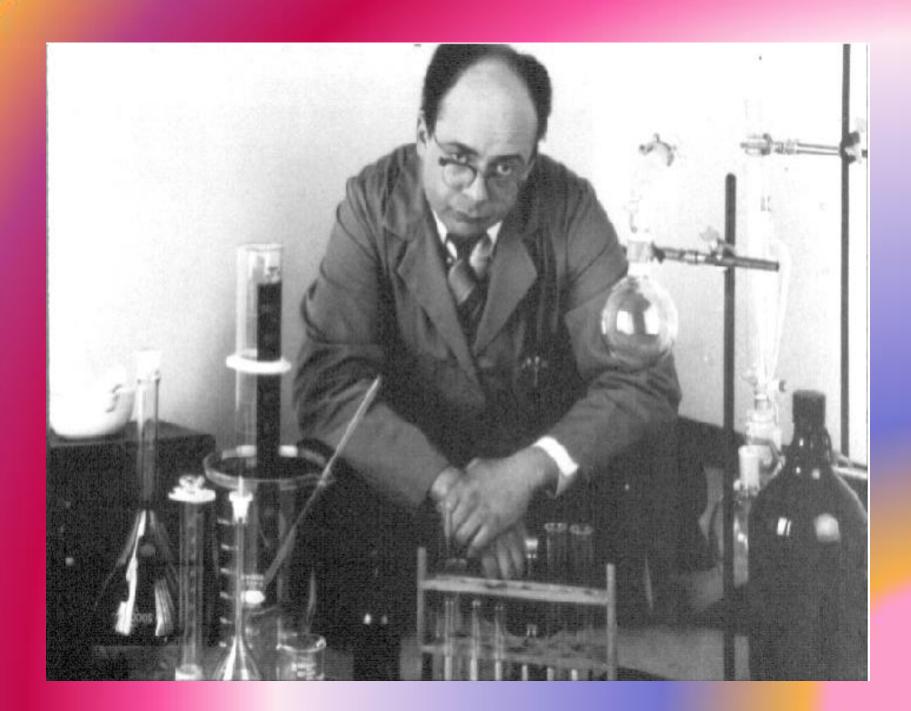
Multiplicity of bioactivities

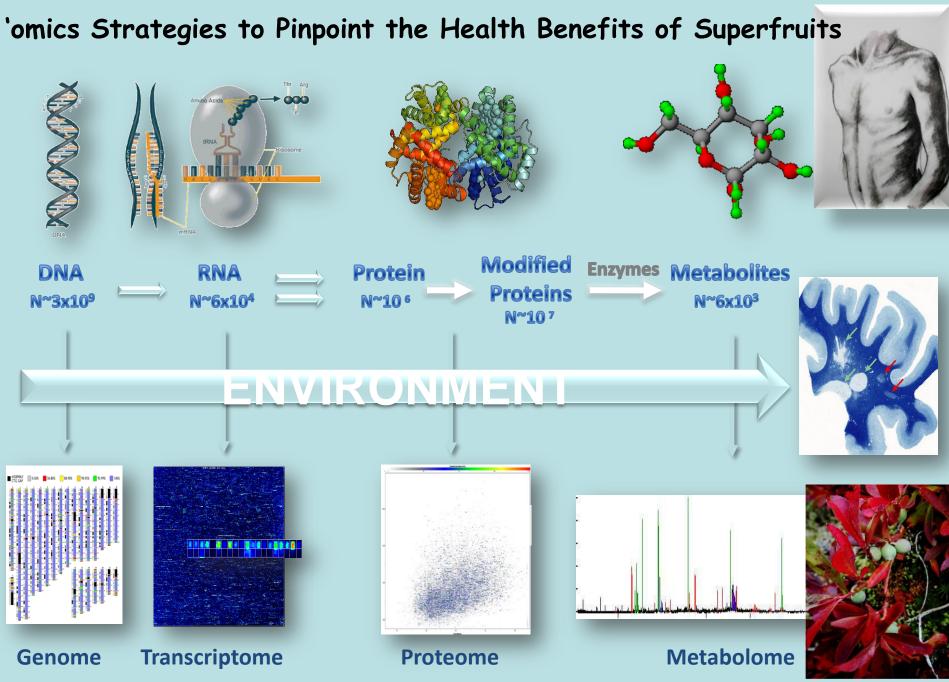


# GI Tract Features Successive Dynamic Conditions

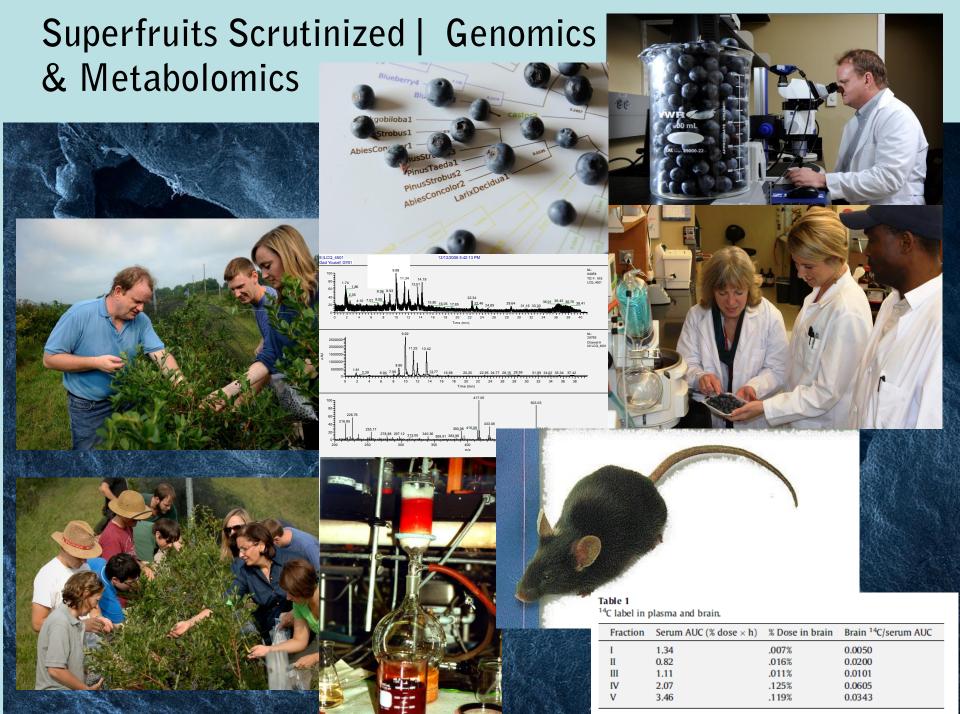








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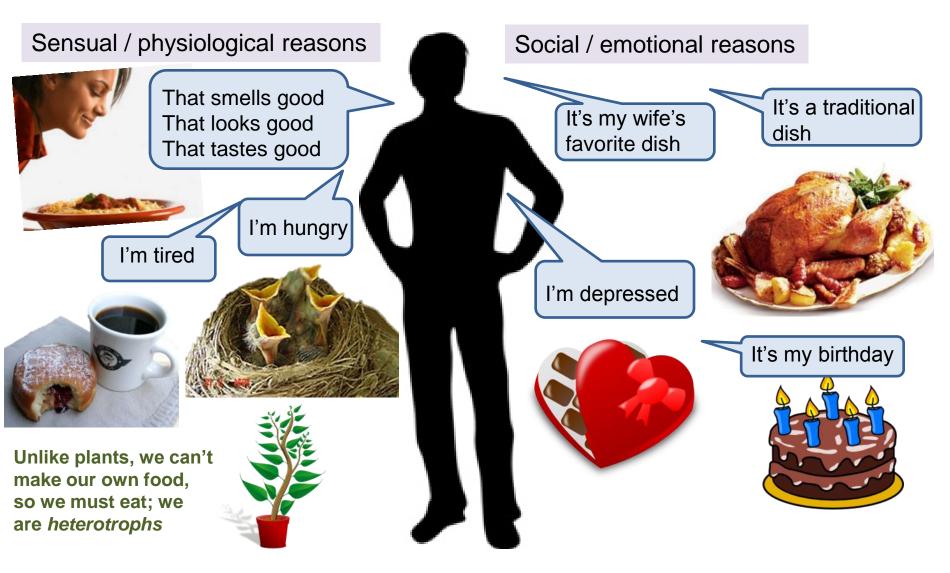


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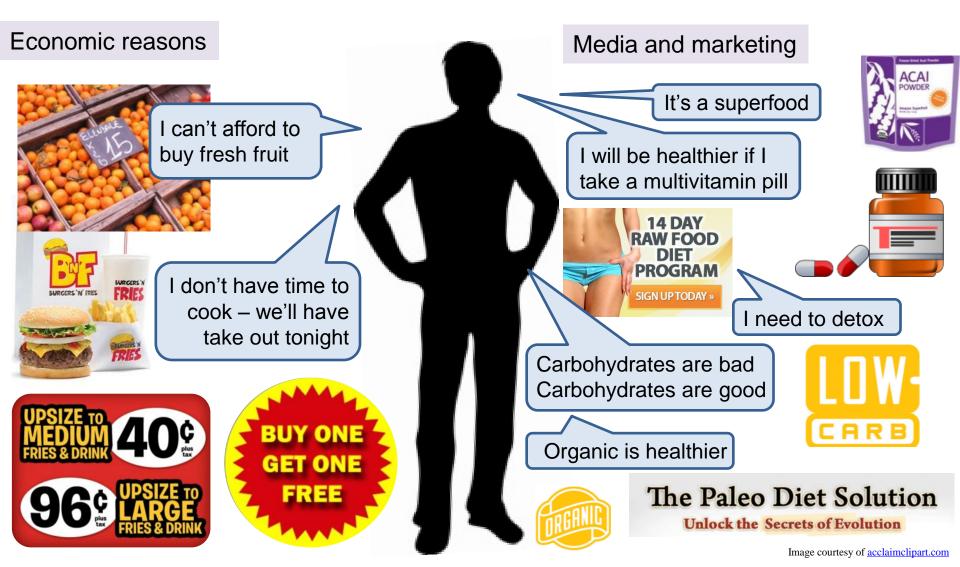
## Superfruit | Science in the Marketplace

## Why we eat what we eat



#### Superfruit | Science in the Marketplace

How consumers decide what to buy (to eat)



# Why Superfruits?





Impact in the Marketplace (who is buying, who is not, and why?)

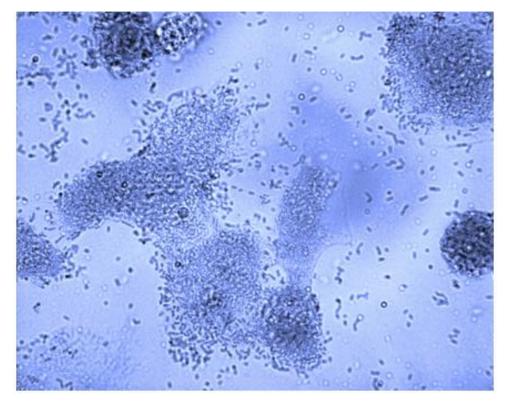
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#### **CASE STUDIES**











http://www.healthier-harvest.com/images/blueberries.jpg







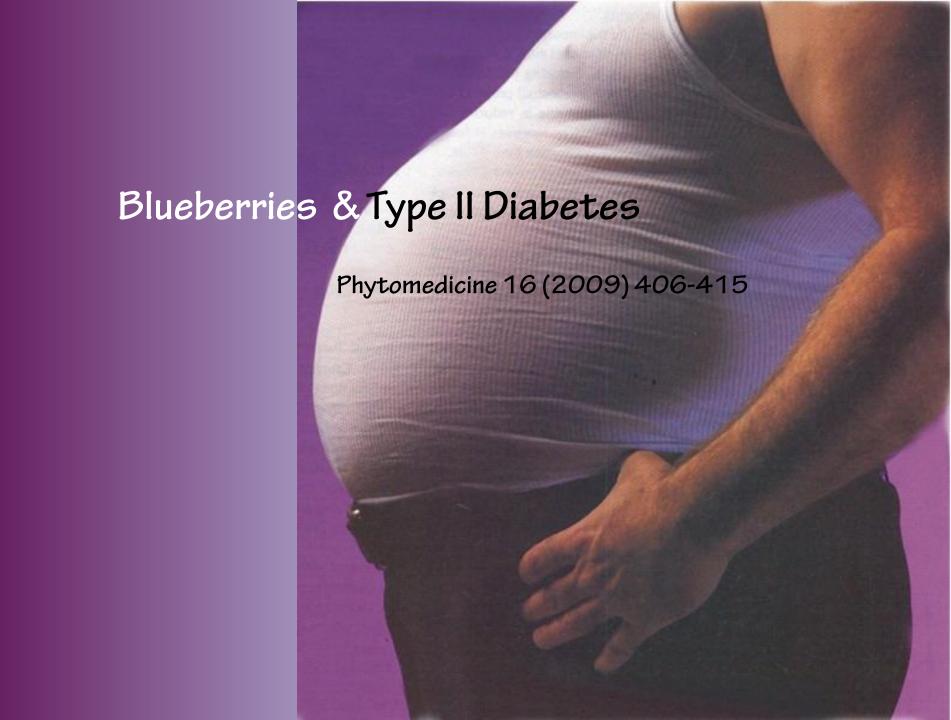






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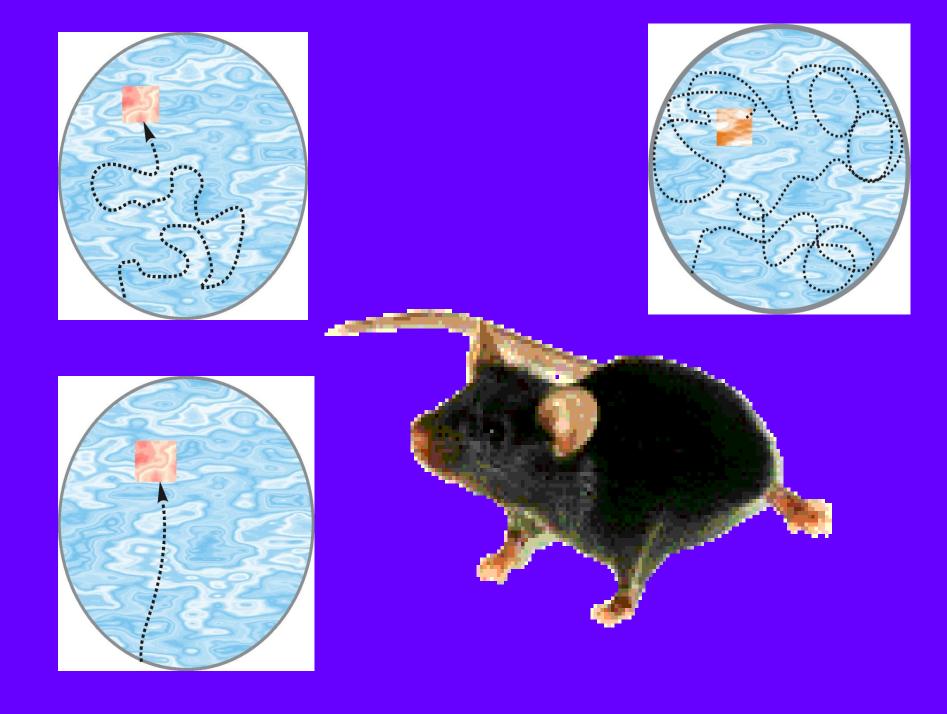


Hyperglycemia (elevated blood glucose) = hallmark of diabetes

Metformin = pharmaceutical anti-diabetic drug; rapidly lowers high blood sugar levels

Blueberry Anthocyanins have blood glucose lowering capacity





#### Berries & Gut Health

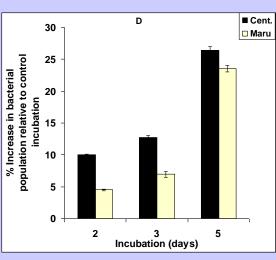
In vitro pure cultures:

Increase in Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium colonies; decrease E. coli In vitro mixed batch cultures:

Increase in Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium colonies; decrease E. coli In vivo rat trials:

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#### The Health Story



#### "From something in a muffin to a health icon"



We didn't change the blueberry, we changed the way people think about it



# Breakthrough Health Communications



inhearable, along come bluebernes. Like open





PLUS

Does Heartburn Cause Cance



#### Breakthrough Health Communications









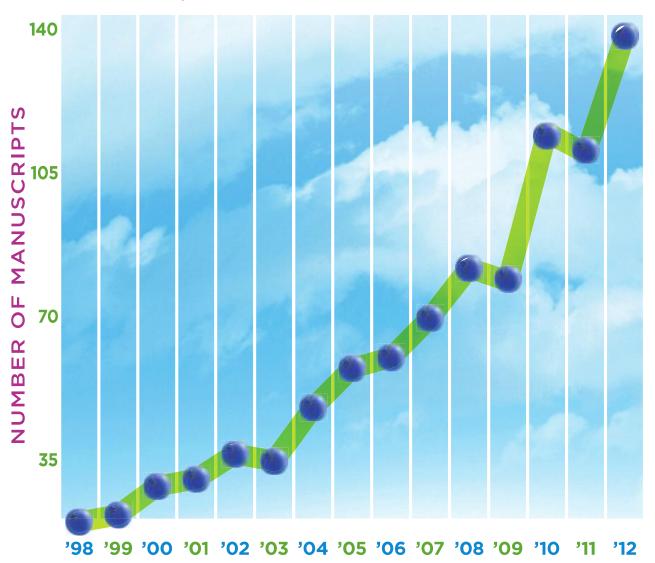
#### Science impacts the marketplace

•Science ......and the trickle-down effect



#### **Blueberry Research Gone Wild!**

**BLUEBERRY/BILBERRY PUBLISHED HEALTH STUDIES** 



#### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY CONSUMPTION

With blueberry production increasing to match rising levels of consumption, it's clear that more Americans are discovering just how good these Little Blue Dynamos are.<sup>1</sup>

Total

283 million lbs.

349 million lbs.

414 million lbs.

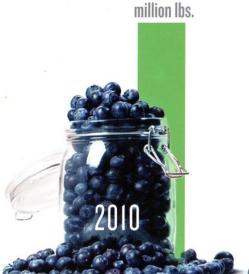


15.5 oz.

17.8 oz.



20.2 oz.



34.9 oz.



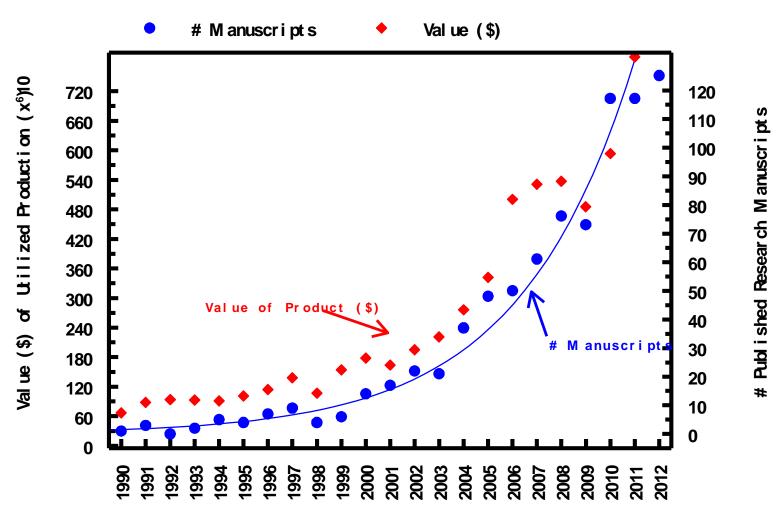


39.5 oz.

Per Capita



#### Impact of Science Communications on Product Value (Blueberries)



Sources: USDA, ERS, May 2012

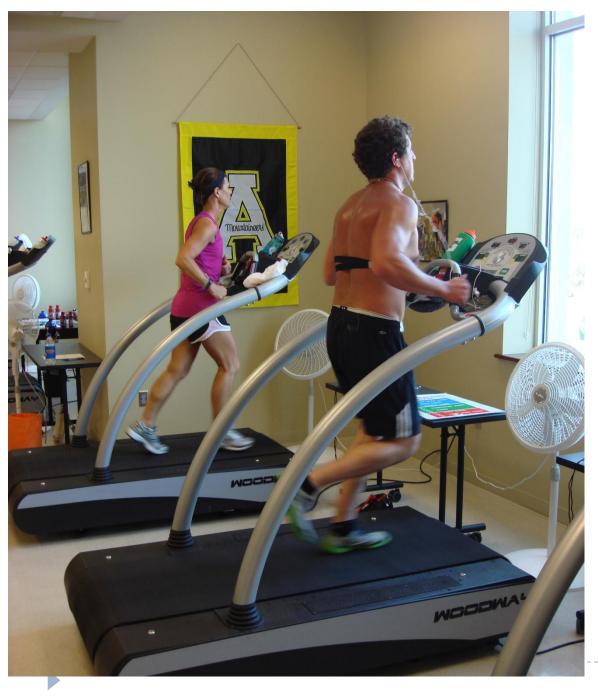
Pubmed/EBSCO searches by R. Prior, 2012



Trained distance runners.
Blueberry & green tea
& protein treatments.





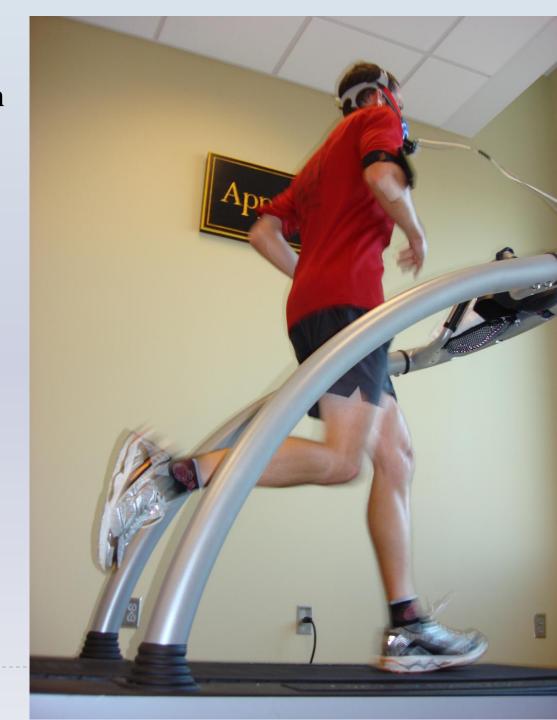


Competitive long-distance runners ran for 2.5 h/d on treadmills at  $\sim 70\% \text{ VO}_{2\text{max}}$  for 3 d in a row.

This was an intensified period of exercise for these runners, inducing "overreaching".

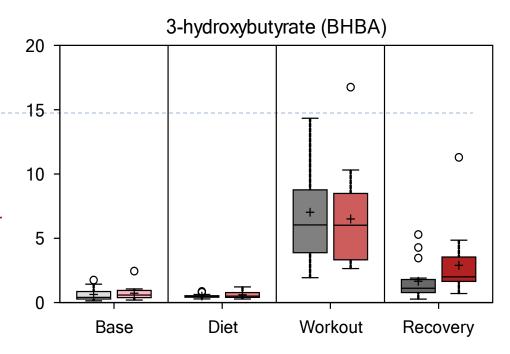
Runners supplemented with the blueberry/green tea protein supplement continued to utilize fatty acids during recovery (14 h post exercise).

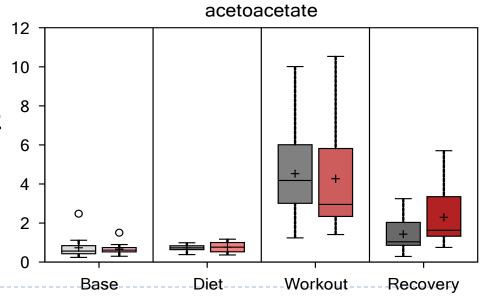
Fatty acid oxidation and ketogenesis were strongly induced by exercise in both groups, with elevations in ketones more evident at 14-h recovery in the treatment group (P<0.05).



# PolyPhenolics Supplement Increases Ketogenesis and Fat Oxidation During 14-h Recovery

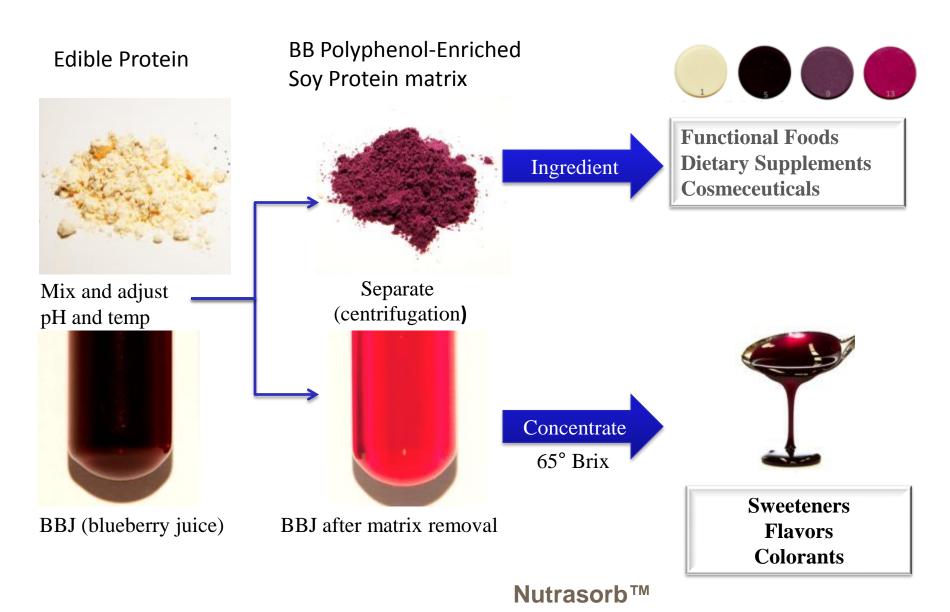
- Treament was linked to enhanced ketogenesis throughout I4-h recovery.
  - This indicates enhanced fat oxidation.







### Superfruits Seasonal Gluts & Waste



### **Nutrasorb-Zambia**

### Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations

Goals of Phase I: Develop and validate an innovative, portable and stable protein-rich food ingredient fortified with bioactives from local fruits

Targeted Population: Children and pregnant and nursing mothers









# Close to 45% of Zambian Children Experience Hidden Hunger or Malnutrition



# Zambian Infant Mortality Rate is 65/1,000 live births (23/222)







### Ground Nut (Peanut) is the Main Source of Protein







## Full Fat Soy Cake (Before)



### Spread into Thin Layer



Juice-Flour 3:1 Juice-Flour 2:1

### Dried in Vacuum Oven



Mango-flour paste inside the oven



After 4 hours of drying at 45°C



**Dried flakes** 



Ground powder



#### **NS-S (Sorption) for Muscadine Juice**

• Efficient, One-Step, Sorption of the Medium Polarity Polyphenolic Compounds

(Polyphenolic Compounds are Sorbed and Stabilized by Protein-Rich Matrix)

Does Not Sorb Unwanted/Non-Nutritional Material

(Sugars, Pectin, and Excess Water are Removed with the Supernatant)

